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- 1. WE DISCUSSED ISSUES RAISED REFTEL WITH MARINE AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AT FCO. THEY TOOK MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION AND HAVE JUST PASSED US INFORMAL RPT INFORMAL RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACH. WHILE FCO OFFICIALS HAVE NOT FOCUSSED BEFORE ON ISSUE OF FISHING LIMITS VIS A VIS DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, THEIR PRELIMINARY REACTION IS THAT EEC MANDATE WILL NOT RPT NOT EXTEND TO THEM AND THAT ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE FACTOR IN US/EEC FISHING NEGOTIATIONS.
- 2. IT IS FCO "IMPRESSION" THAT DEPENDENT TERRITORIES WILL BE INCLUDED IN FINAL TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY BILL EXTENDING UK FISHING LIMITS TO 200 MILES. OFFICIALS ASSUME MOST DEPENDENT TERRITORIES WILL THEN FORMULATE THEIR OWN DOMESTIC LEGISLATION TO ENACT THIS EXTENSION. IT WOULD BE AT THIS POINT THAT THEY WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH OTHER FISHING INTERESTS IN AREA. OFFICIALS HERE WOULD PREFER THAT AGREEMENT BE REACHED BETWEEN US AND BRITISH VIRGIN ISLAND FISHERMAN WHICH WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSISTENT WITH TRADITIONAL INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. FCO OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED US TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITION-
AL INFORMATION WE MIGHT HAVE ON TYPE OF INFORMAL
ARRANGEMENTS US ENVISAGES FOR THIS AREA. THEY HAVE
ALSO PROMISED TO PROVIDE US WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY
MAY DEVELOP ON WHAT ACTION BVI MAY TAKE TO EXTEND ITS
FISHING LIMITS.

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